

I am a radio amateur who has been licensed since 1985. I am extremely concerned about the consideration being given to BPL. It appears that there is no way to implement BPL without causing incredible pains to several different populations. As a radio operator, I am personally concerned about the interference that BPL will cause to HF operations. This interference will significantly damage the Ham's ability to communicate, provide emergency communications during localized, regional, and national crisis. A primary objective of amateur radios is to serve as "stand by" emergency communicators when needed. Between the issue of national security(terrorism) and more recently the massive power outage on the Eastern seaboard, it doesn't take much imagination to visualize the dire need for emergency communicators. Ham operators have been and continue to be a tremendous national resource. Please do not allow the implementation of BPL to effectively destroy this resource.

Another effected population will surely be typical consumers who will have been erroneously led to believe that BPL is the answer to all their ills. Many will quickly find that their consumer products aren't working reliably and are being interfered with by other licensed and authorized services. They will complain loudly and blame anyone they can think of regardless of fault.

Another population will be the Commission itself. When consumers complain about interference you will be called to act. When licensed radio operators complain about excessive radiation from power lines which is causing unacceptable levels of interference, you will be called to act. If one takes the time to envision just a few of the possible issues that will quickly, overnight, come to the desk of the commission it is easy to imagine a burden that will be too great to bear. It could easily become pit of quick sand for the commission and a public relations nightmare.

There are many, many more issues that could be raised relating to BPL. Please accept my "Brief Comment" as a strong opposition to ANY further consideration of BPL. It will without a doubt cause irreparable damage to the increasingly important resource of Emergency Communicators which only Ham operators can fill. Thank you for your time.